Mass Intentions for January 12th, through January 20th,

Sat. 5:00pm Marie Liuzzo 8:00am Christopher Brunner Sun. 11:00am Rizziero Mastronardi 7:30am Special Intentions of Muriel Meier Mon.

Tues. 7:30am Laszlo Littke 7:30am Michael Andras Wed.

Thurs. 7:30am NO Mass

Fri. 7:30pm Joseph Stenza

5:00pm Nicholas and Elizabeth DeLuca Sat.

8:00am Ann G. Lyons Sun.

11:00am Eugene Graze, Jr.

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### **Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:**

Collection for 12/30/2018 - \$5,602.50 Collection for Solemnity of Mary - \$1,455.25 Online Giving for December, 2018-\$8,000.00

### **ONLINE GIVING**

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Please consider Online Giving. It is a simple, safe way to contribute to weekly offerings. In order to register:

1. log on to our parish website;

### www.notredameofeaston.com

2. click the Online Giving logo on the homepage **3.** fill out the registration form.

> If you have any questions please call (800) 348-2886.

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### Ministry to the Homebound

Anyone who is seriously ill, having surgery, or homebound, may call the Rectory office and one of our Lay Caring Ministers will bring Holy Communion or just pay a visit. They visit parishioners in Nursing Homes as well.

\* For anointing of the sick please call the office so Father Lyons can visit.

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**Bequests to Notre Dame of Easton are Strongly Encouraged and Gratefully Accepted** 

Suggestion: When a loved one dies, please advise friends and relatives to make a donation to the "Notre Dame Sanctuary Fund" in memory of the deceased and include this wish in the obituary notice.

r/b the DeVoto family

r/b the Malinowski family

r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie

r/b Ronald and Anna DelCegno

r/b the family

r/b the Lyons family

r/b Veronica Adriani r/b Dori Wollen

r/b his wife, Florence

r/b Robert and Sharon Graze

### January 19 & 20, 2019

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm K. Champagne T. Vitale N. Bass

Sunday

8:00am C. & M. Welch P. Altieri

11:00am B. Hommel C. Hommel J. Hommel

### The Liturgy Schedule is on our website:

www.notredameofeaston.com

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### Please Pray for the Sick

The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers.

Walter Finick Susan Williams Judi Christiansen **Christopher Vitale Angela Doescher** Frank Lyons John Buckley Siobhan Smith **Marian Basso** Joan McGrath Diane DiNapoli **Rick Coons** Michael Glowacki Matthew Cargill Heather Sellers Georgia Egan Lavon Robinson **Mary Socci** Mildred Negri Tony & Alice Martinich Muriel Meier **Brian McHugh** Larry Baldyga

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email <a href="mailto:churchladies@optonline.net">churchladies@optonline.net</a>, or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by or call the Rectory office (203 268-5838) to officially register. Our hours are 9am to 3:30pm - Monday thru Friday.

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<u>Sponsor Certificates</u>: We <u>cannot</u> give you a sponsor certificate unless you are a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. If Father does not know you personally or by sight, the only other way of knowing you are a practicing Catholic is by tracking your contributions by check or envelope.



<u>Baptism</u>: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12 noon. A Pre-Baptism class is required for both parents prior in the Baptism of their 1st child.

Register by calling the Parish Office: 203-268-5838

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# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 27th, 2019

Explore Your Options for PK3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fairfield, CT 12/17/18—St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School will host an open house for prospective families on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10am to noon. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is conveniently located at 1719 Post Road, Fairfield.

For additional information please contact Barbara Turner, Director of Admissions, at 203.255.0556 x.225 or Barbara.turner@stasonline.net

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### Knights of Columbus Museum Sunday – January 13<sup>th</sup>

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The renowned Moniuszko Choir will perform traditional Polish music for the Christmas season Sunday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State Street in New Haven. Free admission & parking. More information: 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org



# The Women of Notre Dame News!

# **Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Collection**

The next collection for the Blessed
Sacrament Food Pantry will be held on
January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> after each Mass.
They would like Chef Boyardee
canned pasta dinners.





## **Shamrock Bingo**

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If you are interesting in helping to plan our first Shamrock Bingo family event scheduled for March 2 (snow date March 9), please attend the next Women of Notre Dame meeting on February 5 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

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### All are Welcome!

Join fellow parishioners once a month for a Walk through the Bible.

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12-1:30 in the church hall. Dates: February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11. Bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be served.

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### Cardinal Kung Academy – Open House:

will be held **Saturday**, **January 26th from 11 am to 1 pm**, at 278 Strawberry Hill Ave. in Stamford (in the school building of St. Bridget of Ireland Church). The Academy, a division of Trinity Catholic High School, opened in September 2018 and is the only **Catholic classical high school** in the diocese. Come meet the teachers, hear about the curriculum and classical education, and tour the facility.

Entrance exam will be held February 9<sup>th</sup>. Now accepting applications for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. For more information, contact (203) 918-0992, <u>CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com or</u> visit www.cardinalkungacademy.org.



## **Religious Education**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm
Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596
ndore@optonline.net

After 2:00pm Tuesday afternoons during the school year: (203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

This month's Children's Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Charles Allen on Sunday, January 27th at the 11:00am Mass.

The fifth graders will be the hosts.

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Our "After the Holiday" dinner will be Thursday evening January 17th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Please call or email our office to RSVP by January 11th, 2018.

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Second Grade Sacrament Dates: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 at 11:00am. Please check your email for the mandatory Child/Parent classes.

Third Grade Sacrament Dates:
First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 11:00am. Please check your email for the mandatory Child/Parent classes, Rehearsals and the Family Supper.

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#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

If Religious Education classes are to be cancelled due to weather conditions, please refer to Channel 8 or 12. We will follow the lead of the Easton Public School District. If schools are closed, there will be NO Religious Ed classes.

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### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Friday, January 18, 2019

St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Committees will be sponsoring a bus trip

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January 18 to Washington, DC. Mass is at 3:30 am. The bus will leave St. Theresa's Parking Lot

at

approximately 4:00 am on January 18 and return at approximately 10:30 pm that evening.

To register <a href="https://rally.co/march-for-life-bridgeport-diocese">https://rally.co/march-for-life-bridgeport-diocese</a>

For more information contact: Dave Janny or Mary Beth DeSantis at (203) 261-3676. Please join us to witness to God's great gift of life!

A MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING will be held on Thurs., Feb. 7 at St. Edward's Church in New Fairfield at 7 pm, with a snow date of Thurs., Feb. 14. Fr. Larry Carew will be the celebrant.

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## CONVIVIO - 2019

March 1-3, 2019 Sacred Heart University

**CONVIVIO** is a weekend high school conference where students from grades 9 through 12 come together to reflect upon contemporary society, to share their experiences, thoughts, interests, and to propose explanations and answers to the problems and challenges that we experience in today's world.

The cost of Convivio is \$65 and it includes: Entrance to Conference sessions, Convivio book, and materials for all the small group discussions.

Dinner on Friday, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. Saturday Night Party and more!

Please consider making a special donation to CONVIVIO to help out participants who may not have the economic means to attend. Any questions or concerns, please contact connecticut@convivio.org

Faith is not about everything turning out okay.

Faith is about being okay no matter how things turn out.



January 13, 2019

"The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good."

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from Saint Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close as Jesus' baptism takes place, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to abandon godless ways and focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul's friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, porn, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul's words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Paul knew his society and we are so aware of ours. Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day. May this help us to become eager to do what is good.